

Bill Horn's News and Reviews



5th District Supervisor, County of San Diego

Summer 2003

Supervisor Bill Horn's thoughts on "Operation Iraqi Freedom."

I am so proud of America. I am honored to be an American.

Never in the history of the world has there been a military achievement quite like the 30-days it took to bring about Operation Iraqi Freedom. It came with tactical genius, courage, devastating weaponry, coordinated logistical support and remarkably low coalition losses and civilian casualties.

As a former Marine Corps Captain who served in Vietnam, I thank God for the leadership of President George W. Bush and his commitment to rebuilding and using America's military might. I cheered when the President landed on the aircraft carrier, Abraham Lincoln. I was touched by the expressions of allegiance toward the President on the faces of the men and women of the Lincoln. They reflected the thanks of a grateful nation.

A former commanding general of Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Lt. Gen Victor H. Krulak once said, "Being ready is not what matters. What matters is winning after you get there."

I salute and welcome home every military warrior. I extend my deepest condolences to the families whose loved ones paid the ultimate price or were wounded. America and Americans are winners because of those who answered duty's call.

North County: Staying on Track

Summer in North County is a welcome opportunity to catch our breath and reenergize for the coming months. There are so many possibilities; the beaches of Oceanside or Carlsbad, a stage production at Vista's Moonlight Amphitheater, dinner at a San Marcos restaurant, browsing for antiques in Fallbrook, a drive through the forests of Palomar Mountain, an evening at a tribal casino, or a starry night in the Anza Borrego desert. Hopefully, there will be special times for all North County residents to be with family and friends.

While we pause to enjoy our summer, it's no secret that we are at a critical point in the history of our state and county. The State of California's inability to deal with its unprecedented \$38 billion deficit will have a profound impact on cities and counties in the state. The State's fiscal disaster and the slow growth of our economy, means that San Diego County officials will have to make tough choices. Exactly what cuts and service reductions will be made is still uncertain, however, we know that they will come and they won't be over in



A group of Fallbrook children presented Supervisor Horn with a "Thank you" banner during the ribbon cutting celebration dedicating new playground equipment at the Fallbrook Community Center.



just one year.

That's the bad news. The good news is that the County of San Diego is in far better financial shape than any municipality in California. Recently, the San Diego Taxpayer's Association gave our County its highest

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More Money for North County

Newspaper headlines bannered the news: "Horn helps lead hotel-tax revolt for North County" and "Horn secures money from taxes for region"

On June 10, Supervisor Horn led a successful effort to return more hotel occupancy taxes to North County communities that generate the taxes.

"More than three-fourths of hotel occupancy taxes in the unincorporated area come from North County," said Horn. "But under the old formula, the Fifth District would have received less than \$500,000 of the total tax receipts. Now, we will get 20% and return that money to North County to promote tourism in our backyard, not someone else's. It means we'll have about \$137,000 more to bring tourists and their dollars to North County."

Votes from Supervisors Pam Slater and Dianne Jacob helped secure the new distribution plan.

Supervisor Horn Helps the Homeless

(The following editorial appeared in the North County Times on May 20, 2003)

OPINION

A-6 TUESDAY, May 20, 2003

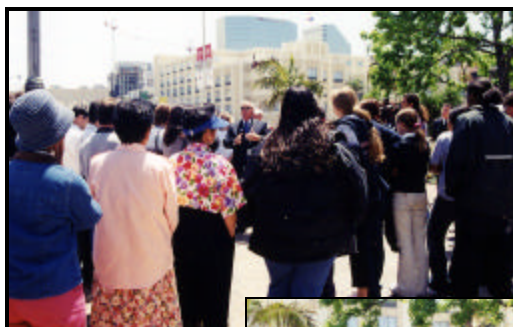
North County Times

EDITORIAL

A rose for Bill Horn



A rose — the "Why Didn't We Think of That?" award — to Supervisor Bill Horn, who ponied up \$150,000 of discretionary funding to North County Solutions for Change, so the non-profit group can build transitional, long-term housing in Vista for homeless families. On Monday we gave roses to all the North County city councils that have chipped in money for this worthy cause, but we neglected to mention Horn's contribution. Shame on us for forgetting, and thanks to Horn for coming to the aid of families who need our help.



Supervisor Horn (center) was joined by County employees and members of the Salvation Army Band on the National Day of Prayer.

National day of prayer observed



County employees rally 'round the flag to pray

For the fourth consecutive year, Supervisor Horn organized a voluntary time of prayer, commemorating the 52nd annual National Day of Prayer. About 150 people met at noon near the County flagpole to pray.

"Never in our nation's history," said Supervisor Horn, "has there been a greater need for prayer. Our

first prayer should be one of thanks that we have the freedom to pray publicly."

Also present were 15 students from nearby Monarch High School, a facility for homeless and at-risk children. They chose to come to the event in lieu of their normal noontime prayer and Bible study.

Well-capping safety drive continues

Supervisor Horn was part of a public demonstration, highlighting the potential disaster that can be found throughout San Diego County. Two dangerous, abandoned wells were capped in Valley Center. One well was near a children's daycare center, the other was just a few feet from busy Valley Center Road.

The action was a combined effort by the County of San Diego, private business, trade associations and landowners.

"I'm pleased that those wells were capped," said Supervisor Horn, "how-

ever, there are many more throughout the county that we don't even know about. Until we take care of them all, there remains a major threat to the lives of people, animals and the environment."

For more information, contact John Kratz of the California Groundwater Association (800) 351-0508 or Jack Miller, County of San Diego, (619) 338-2201.



New playground equipment for Fallbrook

There's a little more laughter in Fallbrook these days. Children at the Fallbrook Community Center have new playground equipment, which includes

slides, ladders and places to climb. The old equipment had been installed two decades ago and didn't comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

"Four years ago, I began pushing for this," said Supervisor Horn during a brief dedication ceremony. "It's great to see what we've been able to do for

these kids. This is something that will be used every day."

Most of the funding for the \$181,000 project came from Supervisor Horn's Community Development Block Grant budget.

Investing in our own backyard:

Allocation of community projects funds in the fifth district



♦\$150,000 to Escondido Charter High School to begin construction of the school's \$2.2 million community theater



♦\$150,000 to North County Solutions for Change of Vista toward the Futures for Families Campaign



♦\$125,000 to Valley Center-Pauma Unified School District toward development of a proposed Performing Arts Center in

Valley Center

♦\$60,000 to Boys & Girls Club of Vista to remodel teen center

♦\$50,000 to Vision of Children Foundation for symposium on ocular albinism

♦\$50,000 to Vista Foundation for ADA upgrades to Moonlight Amphitheatre



♦\$31,000 to The Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum in Vista for use by the Museum Weavers to construct a pole building on the grounds to house antique and educational looms

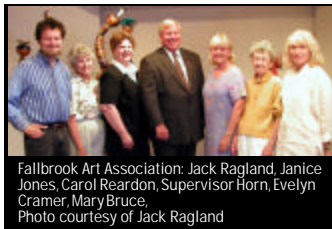


♦\$12,000 to the Camp Pendleton Armed Services YMCA for a charity golf

tournament to benefit junior enlisted military personnel and their families



♦\$10,000 to Fallbrook Gem & Mineral Society for roof repair



♦\$10,000 to Fallbrook Art Association for monthly art exhibits, educational programs

and the Art Assist Program ♦\$10,000 to Fallbrook Historical Society, \$10,000



to Rancho Santa Fe Historical Society, \$10,000 to Vista Historical Society, \$10,000 to San Marcos Historical Society and \$10,000 to Montezuma Valley Historical Society for numerous projects

♦\$3,500 to Vista Arts & Sculpture Foundation toward an Angel and Child Sculpture at the Vista Senior Center (the sculpture will be dedicated to former Mayor Gloria McClellan)

He said it . . .

Supervisor Horn was recently featured in a magazine article for the California State Association of Counties (CSAC). He was asked if there was one famous person he could invite to San Diego County, who would it be and why? This was his answer:

"Sorry, my guest list has four invitees. I'd like the following people to visit our county and have their words heard by every resident:

- ♦George Washington on what it takes to be a patriot
- ♦Thomas Jefferson to explain the 2nd Amendment so I can keep my guns and property
- ♦Abraham Lincoln on the true meaning of freedom
- ♦Ronald Reagan on how to run the State of California."

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honor, the Grand Golden Watchdog Award. It was for the County's General Management System, a guide to keep County managers on track with long-term goals and every day operations. The *San Diego Union-Tribune*, in an editorial, called the county's general management system "enforced financial discipline . . . a good example of structural reform."

We remain focused and on track. In recent months, the world has been reminded of who we are as Americans. The brilliant leadership of President

George W. Bush, along with the men and women of our military and a few loyal and freedom-loving coalition nations, has made the world a safer place. On July 4, the United States of America celebrated its 227th birthday. The flame of liberty's torch has never burned brighter.

Valley Center Library wins!

The Valley Center Garden Club honored the new Valley Center Library with its Best Landscaping of the Year Award. The Club presented the library with a check for \$500 to purchase books on gardening.

Rincon Casino & Resort honored with Community Partner Award

Supervisor Horn spoke at a ceremony honoring Rincon Tribal Chairman John Currier for the tribe's joint venture with Harrah's Entertainment Group and Job Options, Inc. (JOI), a non-profit corporation. JOI and Harrah's have a \$750,000 laundry contract. The laundry employs about 60 people, 45 of whom have disabilities.

"I appreciate how Chairman Currier and the Rincon Band of Indians have worked to provide jobs for San Diegans," said Supervisor Horn. "Rincon has been a good neighbor to the County of San Diego."

New affordable housing opens in Fallbrook

There's not been a summer quite like the one for the lucky residents of the 96-unit Summeridge apartment complex in Fallbrook. The recently renovated complex is the latest addition to affordable housing in North County.

Rents for studio and one-and-two-bedroom units range from \$528 per month to \$915 per month and are based on family size and annual income. The \$6.2 million project was made possible through Southern California Housing Corp.'s sister organization Hope Through Housing and an allocation of \$1 million from the County of San Diego.

"CEO John Seymour and his people are doing an outstanding job," said Supervisor Horn. "We need to find affordable housing for people in mainstream jobs, such as teachers and military personnel. This shows it can be done without gimmicks like inclusionary housing."

Rainbow Park opens!

What's in the middle of the rainbow? Ask people in Rainbow and they'll tell you it's a park. After more than 10 years of dreaming, hoping, planning, and working together, the people of Rainbow have the County's newest park.

Supervisor Horn spoke at the park's dedication, "Many residents in the County don't even know where Rainbow is, but we do, and this park is a tribute to the people of Rainbow and their community spirit. It took us awhile, but we got their park built."

The multi-use, five-acre park features a children's play-

ground, baseball/soccer field, perimeter exercise walks, two basketball courts, a tennis court, a stage with landscaped amphitheater area, picnic pavilion with adjacent barbecue grills, picnic tables, drinking fountains and restrooms.

The \$1.1 million project was funded with County General funds, Park Land Dedication Ordinance funds, Community Development Block Grant funds, and the State of California Proposition 12 funds.

Fifth District Special Thanks and Mentions

♦Michael Crews, a local developer and Valley Center resident generously donated a flagpole and flag for the Valley Center Branch Library

♦Ken King was honored at the Rancho Santa Fe Community Center. He retired from long-time service on the San Dieguito Community Planning Board

♦The Fairbanks Republican Women Federated group assembled baskets for local military families and love packages for overseas military people. They also sponsored a drive to buy children's books which were taken on board the Peleliu Expeditionary Strike Group of ship where Navy and Marine parents were videotaped reading one of the books to their children. Each book and tape set was then sent home so that each child could see and hear his or her parent reading aloud as the child read from the same book.

♦Condolences to the family of Dr. Dwight Thompson, 57, of Bonsall. A lifelong educator, he served generously as a trustee for the Bonsall Union School District. He was a great family man and a devoted patriot.

A strike against pornography

Internet filters on all library public computers

On July 8, 2003, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved a program recommended by Supervisor Horn and Supervisor Dianne Jacob to install Internet filtering software on all Internet-enabled computers available to the public in San Diego County's 32 libraries.

"No one has the right to use a public library to look at pornography or to harm children," said Horn.

The Board action follows a favorable decision on library Internet filters by the U.S. Supreme Court.

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*"This is not the time to
grow timid or weary.
Freedom is still our best
weapon against tyranny
and want."*

George W. Bush